

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2003. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 and 6-14 are pending in this application of which Claims 1 and 10 are independent claims.

In the Office Action, Claims 1-4 and 6-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. US 2002/0069411 A1 to Rainville ("Rainville") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,480,240 to Tamura ("Tamura").

Rainville admittedly at least lacks a color bias of the PIP that is independent of the first and second data streams (see, the Office Action, page 3, first full paragraph). To that end, Tamura is cited for showing this claim limitation. Tamura shows a system of utilizing a standard remote control (see, FIG. 2) having channel selection keys that are enabled to adjust a color bias of a display 70 (see, Tamura, FIG. 1, and accompanying description Col. 5, lines 11-31). This is the same as manually setting the color bias on a television except that the remote is used. As is well known by anyone that has ever adjusted the television color (RGB) settings on a television, this adjustment affects all images displayed on the television including the primary display area and any rendered PIP's (see, also Tamura, Col. 6, lines 18-23).

In sharp contrast thereto, Rainville in view of Tamura does not

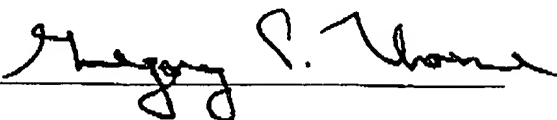
disclose or suggest (emphasis provided) "a user input device operatively coupled to the processor and configured to alter a display characteristic of the PIP with respect to the primary image, wherein the display characteristic includes at least a color bias of the PIP that is independent of the first and second video data streams and the color bias only affects one of the primary image and the PIP" as required by Claim 1. As pointed out above, any adjustment in Tamura affects all images that are displayed. In addition, neither does Rainville in view of Tamura disclose or suggest "a user input device operatively coupled to the processor and configured to render the PIP transparent and color biased with respect to the primary image, wherein the color bias is independent of the first and second video data streams and the color bias only affects one of the primary image and the PIP" as required by Claim 10.

Based on the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully submits that independent Claims 1 and 10 are patentable over Rainville in view of Tamura, and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Claims 2-4, 6-9, and 11-14 depend from one of Claims 1 and 10 and accordingly are allowable for at least this reason as well as for the separately patentable elements respectively contained therein.

Applicants have made a diligent and sincere effort to place this application in condition for immediate allowance and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited..

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